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Chief, Geographic Research Area, ORR

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Chief, Map Library Division, ORR

SUBJECT: Paragraph for inclusion in letter to General Davis

In order that the most effective assistance may be offered to all collection officers that are now or maybe involved in the covert collection of Soviet topographic maps, action has been initiated to call together a procurement advisory group composed of representatives of CIA and Defense components to discuss support needs and outline collection priorities. It is anticipated that a working group of substantive experts from all agencies will be created to give technical advise to the procurement advisory group. The initial considerations of the group will relate to:

- a. the establishment of scale priorities based on collection of complete and fragmentary coverage,
- b. the establishment of area priorities reflecting the coordinated views of the intelligence community,
- c. the attachment of monetary values to sheets and groups of sheets according to scale and area priorities.

This attention to priorities and monetary values reflecting a coordinated IAC viewpoint is considered of utmost importance at this time if action towards collection is to be stepped up and properly backstopped.

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